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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

News and Announcements

ATLANTA GLOBAL STUDIES CENTER

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND CRITICAL APPROACHES TO SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability in a Planet of Diverse Knowledges and Persistent Inequalities

WED, APRIL 24, 2024

Clary Theater
Bill Moore Student Success Center

Georgia Tech

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sustainability

- Business & Design
- Computing & IPaT
- Engineering & Science
- In dialogue with the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts

Critical Approaches to Sustainability

- Equity, Community, and Environmental Justice
- Colonial & Decolonial Sustainabilities
- Indigenous Science: From Local to Global Context

AGSC is excited to announce a conference highlighting Interdisciplinary and Critical Approaches to Sustainability, entitled “Sustainability in a Planet of Diverse Knowledges and Persistent Inequalities”. The morning session will feature panels of faculty from Georgia Tech’s **College of Computing, College of Design, Institute of People and Technology, the College of Engineering, and College of Science**, all in dialogue with faculty from the **Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts**. The afternoon will focus on critical approaches to the concept of sustainability, featuring scholars from across the Institute and two keynote events:

NELSON MALDONADO-TORRES: “Colonial and Decolonial Sustainabilities”

JENNIFER HERNANDEZ: “Indigenous Science: From Local to Global Context”

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Jessica Hernandez is an indigenous scholar, scientist, and community advocate for climate and environmental justice. She has authored the award-winning book **Fresh Banana Leaves: Healing Indigenous Landscapes through Indigenous Science** and was named by Forbes as one of the 100 most powerful and influential women in Central America.

Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Time: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Clary Theater, Bill Moore Student Success Center

REGISTER HERE to attend some or all of the sessions!

Symposium Registration Now Open!

Atlanta Global Studies Symposium

presents GRAMMY® Award Winner

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FRIDAY
APR 12
2024

Main Auditorium
Tech Square
Research Building
Georgia Institute of
Technology

Keynote, 5pm, followed by
Reception, 6pm



**Musical Roots,
Cultural Traditions,
and the Language of
Sustainability in the
Afro Caribbean**

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This year's Symposium will feature four exciting sessions:

- 09:30-10:30 - “Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptation in the Global South”
- 11:00-12:00 - “Migration, Community Associations, and Sustainability”
- 13:30-14:30 - “Adapting Public Health and Science for Atlanta’s Global Communities”
- 15:00-16:00 - “Language Education and Peacebuilding”

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winning musician David Sánchez. Bringing a mix of mainstream jazz with Pan-African influences to audiences around the globe, his original compositions, like the album *Carib* (2018), are inspired by melodies and rhythms coming from the Afro Puerto Rican and Haitian traditions. The performance will be followed by a Reception, 17:30-19:00.

Friday, April 12th, 2024

Main Auditorium, Tech Square Research Building, Georgia Tech

REGISTER HERE to attend some or all of the day's events!

With generous support and sponsorship by Emory University Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives:



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Teaching Pride Forward

Book Launched!

TEACHING PRIDE FORWARD
Building LGBTQ+ Allyship in English Language Teaching

Edited by Ethan Trinh, Kate Mastruserio Reynolds, James Coda

- What an ally is and does
- Developing responsive practices to engage with LGBTQ+ learners
- Acknowledging students' identities
- Future directions for research, practice, and activism We are all learning, together

Dr Ethan Trinh, AGSC Associate Director, has published a new book, ***Teaching Pride Forward: Building LGBTQ+ Allyship in English Language Teaching***. It explores how allies advocate for equal rights for humans, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. With 11 inspirational chapters contributed by educators in varied contexts from around the world, this book offers readers a thoughtful combination of theory, on-the-ground research, advocacy, and practice.

Call for Proposals - AGREC 2024-25



The Atlanta Global Research and Education Collaborative (AGREC), coordinated by AGSC, invites scholars to submit collaborative project proposals across disciplines and institutions that address global issues at the local level.

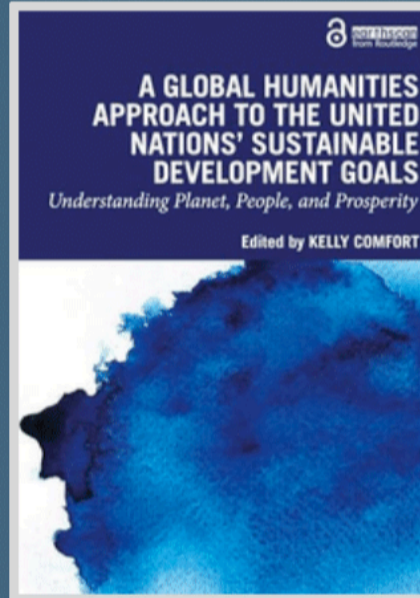
AGREC is now comprised of seven universities including Emory, Georgia Tech, GSU, Agnes Scott, Spelman, KSU, and Clark Atlanta University. Teams from at least two member institutions may apply for **funding in the range of \$5,000 - \$20,000**, to be expended by August 2025.

Proposal Deadline: April 19, 2024

Please visit [our website](#) for more details, the full CfP, and links to apply.

Upcoming Events

Book Launch - Global Humanities and the UN SDGs

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**intersection of the humanities and sustainability studies.****1:00 pm:** Opening remarks by the editor**1:05 pm:** Lightning talks from the chapter authors**1:30 pm:** “Think Global, Act Local: Partnerships and Projects (SDG 17)” Conclusion**1:35:** Q&A with the book’s thirteen co-contributors

Join the virtual book launch for “[A Global Humanities Approach to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals: Understanding Planet, People, and Prosperity](#)” which was co-authored by 13 GT-affiliated faculty, with support from AGSC.

Date: March 28

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

[Register here!](#)**2024 GLOBAL MEDIA FESTIVAL****SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

- Movie screenings followed by Q&A with directors from Peru, Brazil, China, France, Germany, and South Korea

- Free admission, open to the public

- Atlantic & Cypress theaters

March 29 - April 7

Sponsored by the School of Modern Languages; the Atlanta Global Studies Center; the School of Literature, Media, and Communication; and the Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems.

More info & RSVP



The **Global Media Festival**, co-sponsored by AGSC, is the GT School of Modern Languages’ annual film and discussion series focusing on sustainability across languages and cultures. The 2024 festival explores themes around a variety of the UN sustainable development goals. The screenings will take place in the Cypress Theater and Atlantic Theater in the GT Student Center. Please look at the link for locations.

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Schedule:

- **Fri, Mar 29** | 5:30 PM: “Hidden Letters” (China, 2022) followed by Q&A with Director-Producer Violet Du Feng
- **Fri, Mar 29** | 5:30 PM: “Alice Júnior” (Brazil, 2019) followed by Q&A with Producer Diana Moro
- **Sun, Mar 31** | 2:00 PM: “Mr. Bachmann And His Class” (Germany, 2021) directed by Maria Speth
- **Mon, Apr 1** | 5:30 PM: “We Will Have Everything” (China, 2020) followed by Q&A with Director Jiang Nengjie
- **Tue, Apr 2** | 5:30 PM: “Untold (War of Memories)” (South Korea, 2018) followed by Q&A with Director Lee-Kil Bora
- **Fri, Apr 5** | 5:30 PM: “Rolling Strong (Rodar Contra Todo)” (Peru, 2016) followed by Q&A with Dir. Marianela Vega and “We Were Kids Back Then” (Peru & USA, 2022) followed by Q&A with Dir. Rafael Alvarado
- **Sun, Apr 7** | 2:30 PM: “Bigger Than Us” (France, 2021) followed by Q&A with Director Flore Vasseur

Area Studies Lectures - Russia, Asia, Middle East



"I Love Russia (Reporting from a Lost Country)"

Elena Kostyuchenko is a Russian independent journalist. For 17 years she was a special correspondent of *Novaya Gazeta*, reporting on crime, conflict, social issues, and human rights issues, until the newspaper was shut down under the pressure of Russian authorities in March 2022. Kostyuchenko was among the first to prove the presence of Russian troops in eastern Ukraine. Her work has been acknowledged with multiple awards including the European Press Prize, the Gerd Bucerius Award for Free Press of Eastern Europe, and the Paul Klebnikov Prize.

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Clough Commons 102, Georgia Tech



This lecture will explore the ways in which material culture, and specifically Chinese porcelain, can be of value as a historical source for global and world historians. It will argue that porcelain can help us understand when what we call “modernity” started; when, where and why global connectivity emerged; and how the history of technology could be rewritten on a global scale.

Anne Gerritsen, Professor of History, University Warwick, UK

Monday, March 18, 3:30pm

GSU Troy Moore Library, 23rd Floor, 25 Park Place

This event will be followed by a **World History Workshop** on Tuesday, March 19, 11am-4:15pm, in Room 2150, 21st Floor, 25 Park Place. For more information, contact Dr Ghulam Nadri, Chair of the World History Committee at GSU: gnadri@gsu.edu



The **GSU Middle East Studies Center** is organizing a Spring Seminar. The upcoming lecture is on “Pirates of the Red Sea: Maritime Violence and State Formation in the Indian Ocean’s Seas in the Medieval Period” by **Roxani Eleni Margariti**, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies at Emory University.

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Location: Room 2150, 25 Park Place, 21st Floor

RSVP on Zoom [here](#)

Teaching Asia Faculty Development Workshop



Join the University System of Georgia and GSU Perimeter College for “Teaching Asia: A Southeast Regional Faculty Development Workshop” to explore Asian cultures, discuss topics related to Asia and Asian American populations, and understand issues relevant to students of Asian origin, including immigrants, children of immigrants, and international students.

This year’s workshop also features Haizheng Li, Professor and Associate Chair of the School of Economics at Georgia Tech.

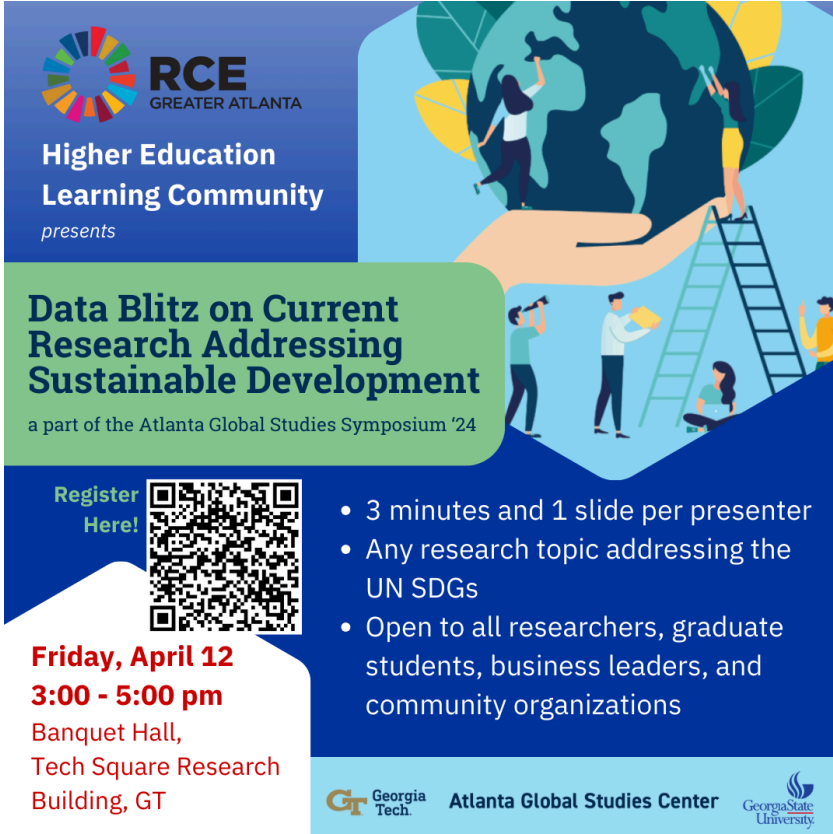
Register here!

Location: Virtual

Date: Friday, April 5

- **9:30 am:** The Written Word in Contemporary Chinese Art: From New English Calligraphy to Performance Art - Yanfei Zhu, University of North Georgia
- **10:30 am:** China's Population, Labor Force and Economy - Haizheng Li, China Research Center and Georgia Tech
- **11:30 am:** Japan's Population Trends and Policies During the Fifteen-Year War (1931-1945) - Masako Racel, Kennesaw State University
- **12:30 pm:** History of Korean Immigration to the U.S. - Sooh-Rhee Cha, GSU Perimeter College
- **1:30 pm:** Transnational Families from India residing in the U.S. - Jyotsna (Josi) Kalavar, Georgia Gwinnett College
- **2:30 pm:** Myanmar (Burma): Recent Past, Present, and Future - Liam Madden, GSU Perimeter College

Lightning Talks - Research on Sustainable Development




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Higher Education
Learning Community
presents

**Data Blitz on Current
Research Addressing
Sustainable Development**

a part of the Atlanta Global Studies Symposium '24

Register
Here!



- 3 minutes and 1 slide per presenter
- Any research topic addressing the UN SDGs
- Open to all researchers, graduate students, business leaders, and community organizations

Friday, April 12
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Banquet Hall,
Tech Square Research
Building, GT

Georgia Tech. Atlanta Global Studies Center Georgia State University

The RCE Greater Atlanta Higher Education Learning Community is organizing a "**Data Blitz on Current Research Addressing Sustainable Development.**" The event is a part of the Atlanta Global Studies Symposium scheduled for Friday, April 12th at Georgia Tech.

Presenters are allotted 3 minutes and 1 slide each to showcase their research on any topic related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event welcomes researchers, graduate students, business leaders, and community organizations to participate.

Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm ET

Location: Banquet Hall, Tech Square Research Building, Georgia Institute of Technology

[Register here](#)

In Case You Missed It ...

Arabic Teachers Council of the South



The Arabic Teachers Council of the South recently hosted an extraordinary K-20 Teacher Workshop on **“Innovations in Teaching Arabic”**, uniting 35 attendees in person and 35 participants online. The event drew educators and enthusiasts from six states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Florida—creating a vibrant forum for dialogue, collaboration, and cultural exchange. Katy Whiting, Managing Director of the Sijal Institute in Amman, Jordan, also flew in to present!

The diversity and richness of Arabic language and culture was celebrated through presentations and live performances. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with a total of six presentations, three delivered in Arabic and three in English, alongside an enthralling showcase of traditional Arabic music and dance.

Presentations are now [live on our YouTube channel!](#)

- **“How to Create Resources to Navigate the Richness of Arabic Culture”** - Raja Benchekroun, Foreign Language & Culture Instructor, The University of South Florida
- **“Transforming Arabic Education with AI: Dynamic Teaching, Engaging Activities”**
Dr Jomana Wilson, Vice President, Georgia Arabic Teachers Association
- **“Connecting People with Places in the Arabic Speaking World through Public Snapchat Maps and Google Earth”** - Laila Kharrat, Upper School French and Arabic Teacher & Department Chair of Classical and Modern Languages, The Episcopal School of Dallas, Texas
- **“Preparing Students for Study Abroad: A Practical Exploration”** - Katy Whiting, Managing Director, Sijal Institute. Amman, Jordan
- **“Using Films to Explore Social Justice Issues in Arabic Classes”** - Mariya Chakir, Senior Lecturer, Valdosta State University, Georgia

Info Sessions - 360° Global Learning Experiences



AGSC has been offering information sessions for faculty interested in making use of the 360 GLE platform, which contains over 60 hours of **immersive global content** produced by local experts in the field around the world. AGSC has purchased access for all faculty at GT and GSU.

- There are four main areas of study: **Humanities, Sciences, Business, and Global Perspectives**.
- Selected modules available in both English and Spanish.
- Each area of study contains 12 hours of video content and 360° visual tours of international locations, ready-made to give your courses a global dimension.
- Can be **integrated directly into existing courses** in Canvas or other digital learning platforms.

To join an **upcoming demonstration and information session**, please email us at agsc@gatech.edu or agsc@gsu.edu.

Student Opportunities

Summer Scholars Program

The School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE) at Georgia Tech offers the Summer Undergraduate Research Scholars Program which offers full-time independent research under the direction of an ISyE faculty mentor for 20 hours per week across a 10-week period. Participants receive a **\$3000 stipend** and are responsible for their own housing, transportation and meals.

field. [More information here.](#) Deadline **APRIL 1st, 2024.**

Federal Scholarship and Internship Opportunities

Fulbright: Provides grants to graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals, and artists to pursue graduate or professional studies, conduct research, or teach English abroad for up to one academic year. <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>. **Application Opens: April 2024.**

Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS): Part-time, virtual internships with flexible schedules. Interns can partner with Department of State diplomatic posts overseas and domestic offices, as well as other agencies. All VSFS interns are unpaid and volunteer ten hours a week from September to May. <https://vsfs.state.gov>. **Next deadline: January 2025.**

Critical Language Scholarship (CLS): Offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in U.S.- based degree programs to learn one of 15 languages through immersive study abroad institutes each summer. <https://clscholarship.org/>. **Next Application Deadline: November 2024.**

U.S. Department of State Student Internship Program: Paid internships offered during the fall, spring, and summer semesters in Washington, D.C. and at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. Interns will receive GS-04 pay level, including transportation/housing expenses. Applicants must have completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited university at the start of the internship, have at least a 3.2 GPA, and be enrolled in school the semester immediately following the internship. <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internship-program/>. **Vacancies are on a rolling basis.**

U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program (USFSIP): Merit and needs-based opportunity available to undergraduate sophomore and junior students with a 3.2 GPA or higher. The program provides two paid internships in consecutive summers. The first will be in Washington, D.C. and the second one will be at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. Interns will receive pay at the GS-04 level and transportation/housing expenses. <https://careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internship-program/>. **Vacancies are on a rolling basis.**

Pathways Internship Program: Offers paid employment for students while they attend school. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and enrolled or accepted as a student (full-time or part-time) in a qualifying high school, vocational school, undergraduate or graduate program, with a GPA of at least 2.0. <https://bit.ly/3KuRvcb>. **Vacancies are on a rolling basis.**

Colin Powell Leadership Program Internship: The Colin Powell Leadership Program recruits highly motivated individuals from a variety of backgrounds who aspire to and possess

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<https://bit.ly/3wFEYgh>. *Vacancies are on a rolling basis.*

Other Opportunities

Build Your University's International and Language Library Collections!

Are you or your department in need of library resources on global, regional, or country-specific content? Would you like to add foreign language resources to your library's collection? As a National Resource Center, the Atlanta Global Studies Center builds international studies, area studies, and world languages library collections at Georgia Tech and Georgia State University. Please send your requests for books, journals, and digital resources to agsc@gatech.edu or agsc@gsu.edu.

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